

# U.S. Army Materiel Command

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# THE ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND VISION

Essential in Peace, Indispensable in War

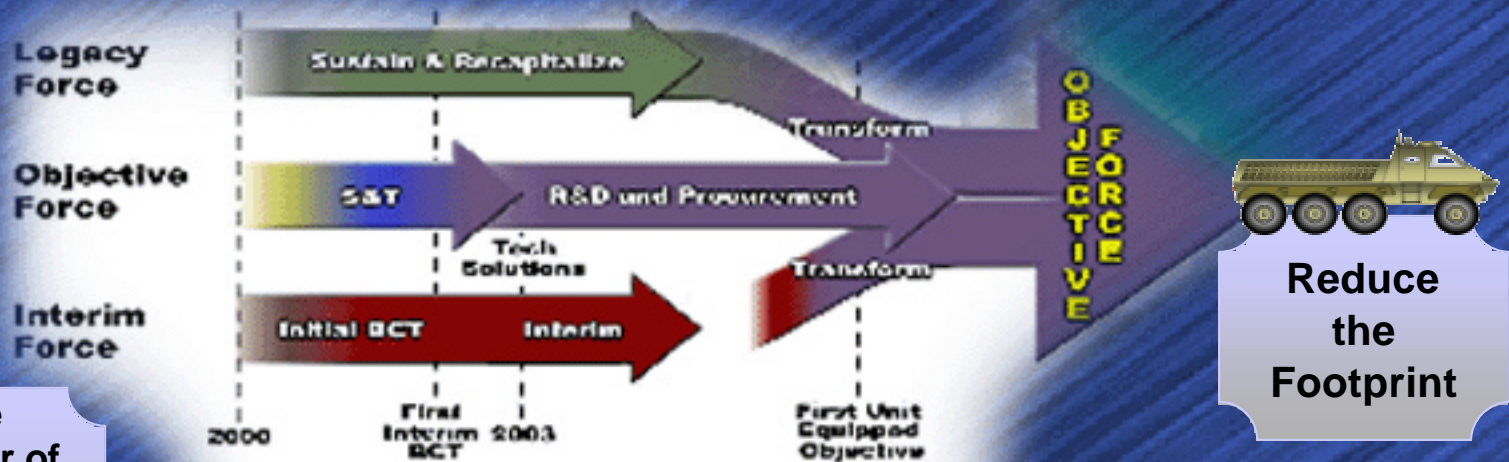
Dedicated and innovative people paving the way in Army Transformation. We will provide the integrated, cutting edge technology and sustainment needed to create a more responsive, agile, strategically deployable and sustainable Army. While unfailingly meeting our worldwide commitments today, our efforts will help posture the nation to meet the broader demands of the newly emerging missions of the 21st Century.



# TRANSFORMATION

Reduce  
Fuel, Spare  
Parts and  
Munitions  
Requirements

Reduce the  
number and  
types of  
trucks



Reduce  
the number of  
support  
personnel  
mechanics

... Responsive, Deployable, Agile, Versatile,  
Lethal, Survivable, Sustainable.

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Department of Defense



Department of Energy



Department of Transportation



Environmental Protection Agency



Council on Environmental Quality  
Office of Management & Budget  
Office of Science & Technology Policy

**DETROIT DIESEL**  
CORPORATION



# 21st Century Truck Partnership

**Developing Technologies  
for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Trucks**  
*Military and Industry  
Convergence*



Academia



**VOLVO**



**PACCAR** Inc

**CATERPILLAR**

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**





# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Truck Partnership Goals

## Satisfy the Army's Needs





# ...Technology Transfer to the Future Force

**Fuel Cells**

**Hybrid  
electric**

**Next  
Generation  
Electrical  
Architecture**

**Continuously  
Variable  
Transmission**

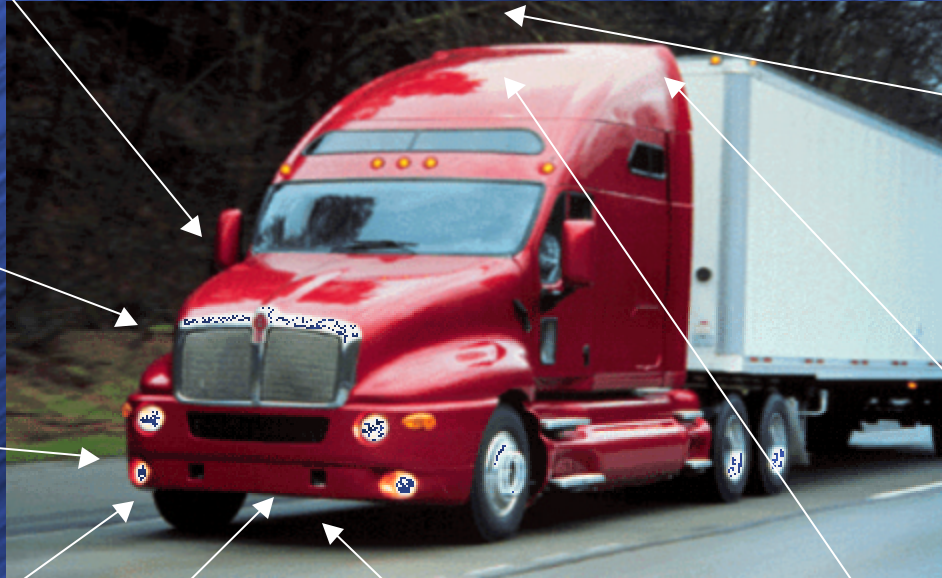
**Telematics**

**Cleaner  
Fuels**

**Diagnostics  
&  
Prognostics**

**Advanced  
Communications**

**High  
Strength  
Materials**

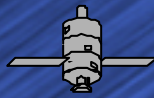


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# Vehicle Intelligence

- Advanced communications
- Early warning technologies
- Vehicle diagnostics and prognostics
- Telematics



Satellite



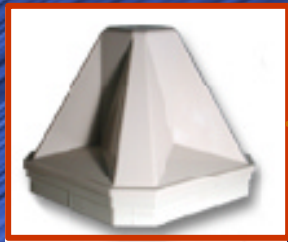
CLS Facility  
Sealy, Texas



Division MMC



TACOM PM-FMTV



Satellite Module



J1939 Open  
System  
Architecture



Truck-PC

- On-board Diagnostics
- GPS-Map Generation
- Voice Actuation
- AIT Capable
- Supply Chain Management



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# Fuel

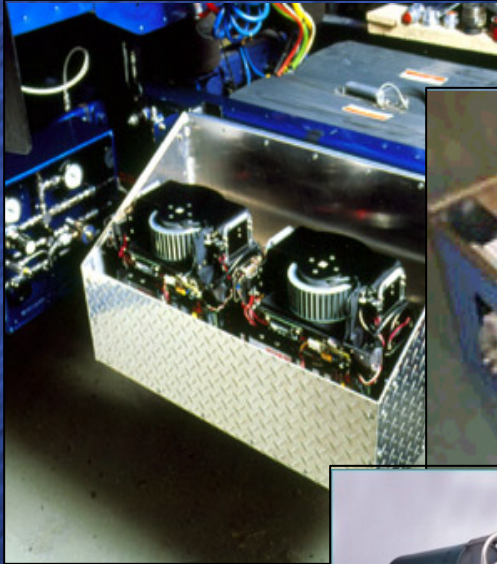
- **What is the cost of a gallon of fuel?**
  - **Cost with Delivery (1 - 400 US Dollars)**
- **What are our on-board power requirements?**
  - **Increasing power elements**
    - **Radio/Lights**
    - **Night Vision**
    - **MTS**
    - **FBCB2**
    - **???**





# FUEL CELLS AND APPLICATIONS

**Liquid Fueled**



**Solid Oxide**



Currently  
fuel cells nearly  
ready for heavy truck  
auxiliary power

Future fuel cells  
needed for  
propulsion systems



**Regenerative**



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# Hybrid Electric Projects



HMMWV



COMBATT

- Improved fuel efficiency
- On-board and off-board power

M-113



Class 8



HEMTT LHS



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# Logistical Capabilities or Logistical Burden





# 42 - Volt Initiatives

- MIT 42v Consortium
  - NAC funding MIT Consortium
  - Includes “Big Three” and Many Two Tier Suppliers
- Society of Automotive Engineers 42v Working Group
  - Initiated by TARDEC
  - Focus on Common Standards

**We need to partner with industry on our power requirements**





# Reliability -- Availability -- Maintainability -- Dependability

## New Concepts for Spares Support

- Shipping Spare Parts Quickly to Non-operational Systems is a Great Start to Maintain Required Readiness Levels.
- However, Innovative Concepts Are Still Needed to:
  - Eliminate Excess Parts
  - Reduce Size/Weight
  - Design In Reliability/Supportability
  - Manufacture Parts On Site



- Lifetime Fuel Oil Filter
- Extended Oil Drain Intervals
- Intelligent Batteries
  - Reduced Battery Failure
  - Improved Fuel Efficiency
  - Reduction in Maintenance/Logistics Support
- Fuel Filter Rating System Being Proposed as International Standard
- Fuel Water Separators, Fuel Injectors, Oil Pumps, Water Pumps, Tracks, Roadwheels
- Leverage Commercial Sector Developments

**New Way of Thinking**

**Incremental Change**

**Max Time to Repair vs Mean Time Between Failures**

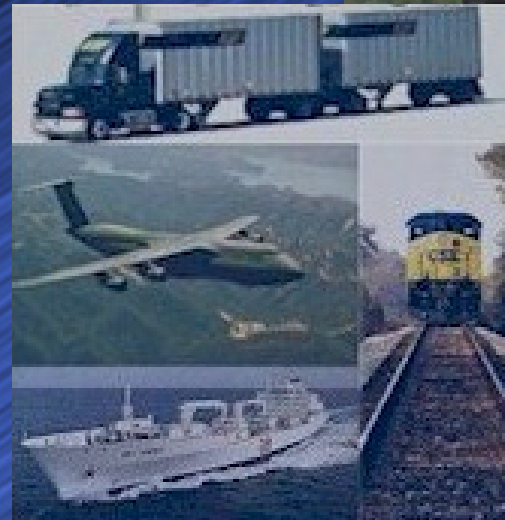
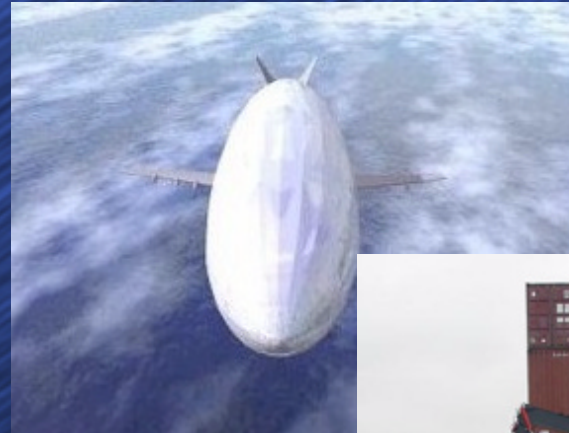


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# The Ohio Airship Story

- **Intricate Design**  
(Faster than a Ship/Slower than a Jet)
- **Encountered Problems:**  
(Excessive Delivery Loads to Infrastructure)
- **Expanded Their Thinking**
- **More “Holistic Approach”**
- **Develop a Solution that Considers the Whole System**
  - Intermodal
  - Producer to Consumer





# Future Tactical Truck System



*Hybrid Electric Vehicle*



*Robotics*



*Human factors*



*Survivability*



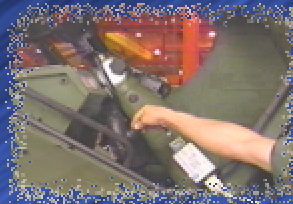
*Load Handling System*



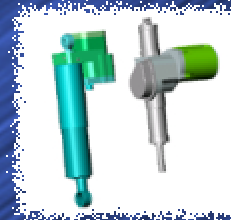
*Digitization*



*Situational awareness*



*Commercial technology advances*



*Active suspension*



*Powered trailers*



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# Final Thoughts

- **Everything we do here has to help with the transformation effort.**
- **Cannot continue with an incremental approach.**
- **Leveraging what is going on with engineering, RDE and the commercial sector.**



*Facing the  
Future...*



*Together*





# Back-ups





# *SmarTruck Current Capabilities*

**Bullet  
Proof  
Glass**

**On-Board  
Diagnostics**

**ARMORMAX®**

**Wireless  
Communication**

**Non-Lethal  
Weaponry**

**Night  
Vision**

**B.F. Goodrich  
Run Flat Tires**

**Touch  
Screen  
Display**

**Bomb  
Detection**

**Global  
Positioning  
System**



*Committed to Excellence*



# Hybrid Electric Vehicles

## LAV

- Electrolyze H<sub>2</sub> into Canisters (using diesel-powered vehicular DC grid)
- Energize Silent Watch by Fuel Cell (consuming deferred hydrogen)



## Commercial Bus

- Partnership with Georgetown University, TACOM, and DOT
  - Total value \$11M (\$5M TACOM + \$6M DOT)
  - Will develop and demonstrate a methanol reformer fueled, PEM fuel cell bus, powered by two NECAR 6 engines
  - Non-hybrid electric drive; fuel cell engines will give real-time throttle response to 30-ft bus



*“An incremental learning step towards full scale electrification of combat platforms”*



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# Hybrid Electric Programs



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